



Assembly on  
Microbiology, Tuberculosis, and  
Pulmonary Infections (MTPI)

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# Organization

- Diverse membership of pulmonologists, ICU, infectious disease specialists, public health and government officials
- Agreement to alternate Assembly Chair, Planning Chairs, and Program Committee Chairs between TB and non-TB individuals ([Ratified by MTPI membership 5/07](#))
- Close working relationships with activities of Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA), State and Local health departments
- International focus with active members from European Respiratory Society (ERS), Africa, South America, and Asia

# Membership Profile

- 721 primary members, 1783 secondary members
- 67% from United States, 23% international
- 354 abstracts submitted to International Conference this year (~ Half Tbc and Half Other Infections)

## Recently Published Guidelines, Statements, and Workshop Summaries from the MTPI Assembly

- Recent Advances and Future Directions in *Pneumocystis* Pneumonia.  
L Huang, et al; *Proc ATS* 2006; 3: 655-66
- An Official ATS Statement: Hepatotoxicity of Antituberculosis Therapy;  
J. Saukkonen et al. *Am J Respir Crit Care Med* 2006;174: 935-52
- ATS/IDSA Statement: Diagnosis, Treatment, and Prevention of Nontuberculous Mycobacterial Diseases;  
DE Griffith et al.; *Am J Respir Crit Care Med* 2007;175:367-416.

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- IDSA/ATS Consensus Guidelines on the Management of Community-Acquired Pneumonia in Adults;  
L. Mandell/R. Wunderink et al; Clinical Infectious Diseases  
2007; 44:S27-72

# Ongoing MTPI Projects - 1

- Treatment and Diagnosis of Fungal Infections (Limper, Knox)
- Risk of Tuberculosis in Patients Receiving Anti-TNF and Other Novel Immunosuppressive Therapies (Schluger)
- Diagnosis and Management of Bronchiectasis: An International Perspective (Daley/Feldman)
- Diagnostic Standards and Classification of Tuberculosis in Adults and Children (Lewinsohn)

# Newly Proposed MTPI Projects

- Emerging Issues and Current Controversies in HIV-associated Pulmonary Diseases (Morris)
- Updated Guidelines for Diagnosis and Treatment of HAP, HCAP, and VAP (Wunderink)

# Other Activities

- Interactions with CDC and IDSA
- International Tuberculosis Control activities (Stop-TB Partnership)
- Advisory Committee on the Elimination of Tuberculosis (CDC)
- Advocacy for increased research funding at CDC and NIH for TB and other infections (basic/clinical)
- Address future activities related to Pandemic Influenza, Bioterrorism, etc (communications to ATS FAQs, Int'l Conference program)
- Respond to queries from ATS Office of Government Relations and others

# Communication Strategies

- Monthly Executive Committee conference call
- Annual newsletter to Assembly members
- Announcements in ATS News
- Utilization of ATS Website
- Annual dinner after Assembly membership meeting (Pharmaceutical Sponsored Event)

# International Members

- Focus of MTPI is international: TB, pneumonia, infections in resource-poor settings
- International representation on Executive, Planning, and Program Committees
- Joint session at Annual meeting with International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease
- First assembly to offer travel awards for trainees, with focus on international physicians
- Contact with colleagues in ERS, JRS, Africa, South America, Asia

# ATS Website

- Director for MTPI: Chad Steele
- Dissemination of ATS/CDC/IDSA Statements
- Distribution of main components of Statements with hand-held devices and other user-friendly modalities

# Problems and Challenges

- Maintain diversity of membership
- Balance TB-related and non-TB-related activities
- Increase involvement of junior members and add new members
- Sustain cooperation and collaboration with other assemblies and societies  
(CDC, IDSA, ACCP)
- Resolve issues regarding support, timing and publication of guidelines
- Facilitate international involvement with ERS, JRS, and other societies

# Executive Committee

- Assembly Chair: Andy Limper, Rochester, MN
- Assembly Chair Elect: Chuck Daley, Denver, CO
- Planning Committee Chair: Laurence Huang, San Francisco, CO
- Program Committee Chair: Shawn Skerrett, Seattle, WA
- Program Committee Chair-Elect: Phil Labue, CDC
- Website Director: Chad Steele, Pittsburgh, PA
- ACET Representative: Fred Gordin, Washington, D.C.
- Nominating Committee Chair: Charles Thomas, Rochester, MN